

Henning-Ward House
614 Prince Street
Georgetown
Georgetown County
South Carolina

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Address: 614 Prince Street, Georgetown, Georgetown County,
South Carolina.

Present Owner Mr. Harry D. Bull.
and Occupant:

Present Use: Residential.

Brief Statement An early Georgetown town house.
of Significance:

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Original and Subsequent Owners: Original owner is not known. In the 19th century, before the Civil War, it belonged to Henning, later Samson. In the 20th century it was owned by Colonel W. M. Ward. [Julian S. Bolick, Georgetown Houselore, (Clinton, S. C.: Jacobs Press, 1944), pp. 30-31.] The house now belongs to Mr. Harry D. Bull.
- B. Date of Erection: Thought to be pre-Revolutionary.
- C. Notes on Known Alterations and Additions: The interior is thought to have been greatly altered. Marble mantels, which were brought from Colonel Ward's plantation home, "Alderly," and thought to be originally from Italy, were installed during the 20th century [Bolick].

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: Typical early town house.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Number of stories: Two stories.
2. Number of bays: Two-bay front to street, five-bay side.

3. Layout: Rectangle with small one-and-two-story wing to the rear, and shed addition beyond.
 4. Foundations: Partially stuccoed brick foundation.
 5. Wall construction: White-painted clapboard siding with beaded edge (approximately 7" to weather).
 6. Structural system: Typical frame construction.
 7. Porches: Large, two-story porch with main entrance to house; board floors and board ceiling; plain square columns with simple capitals; plain board railing (second floor of porch similar to first). One bay at end of second floor of this porch has been closed in with frame walls that have a window and door.
 8. Chimneys: Two, recently heightened, brick chimneys on left side of house.
 9. Openings:
 - a. Doors: Front door with a simple unmolded frame and two-light transom as a modern replacement.
 - b. Windows: The Henning-Ward house has many windows with plain frames flush to the wall and with two-over-two light and four-over-four light, double-hung wooden sash. Some windows, apparently original, have nine-over-nine light wooden sash. House originally had shutters, most of which are now missing. The remaining examples are two-panelled, louvered shutters with operating slats.
 10. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with asphalt shingles; the lower-pitched porch roof also has asphalt shingles.
 - b. Cornice: The deeply projecting cornice appears to be a later alteration. There is a partial cornice return across gable front.
- C. Technical Description of Interior
1. Stairways: The design of the balusters of the stairway is identical with that of the Chancellor de Saussure House, (18 Montague Street, in Charleston) which is known to have been built before the Revolution.

2. Flooring: The floor boards on the stair landing and in the rooms on the second floor are face grain cut from the full width of large trees.
3. Doors and windows: The door to the dining room has six raised and beveled panels; the window sashes on the stair landing and at the back of the house on the second floor have nine lights and the muntins are quite robust, about 1" wide.
4. Trim: The marble mantel in the front room on the first floor is mid-Victorian and, according to Bolick (Georgetown House), transferred there by Colonel Ward from his plantation home "Alderly."

D. Site

1. General setting: On quiet, residential street with the narrow end of the house to the street.
2. Outbuildings: Directly behind the house is a frame building, perhaps originally a kitchen, with a shed-roof porch across front; central brick chimney stack; corrugated metal roof, and board shutters at the windows. It is now in partly ruinous condition; the right half is used as a garage.
3. Landscaping: The yard, with trees, flowers, and bushes is not well cared for. There is a sidewalk in front of the house, and an unpaved driveway on the right side.

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